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SUBJ: NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT JONATHAN KANDELL

1. KANDELL VISITED IO JUNE 26 TO INFORM HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED IN BY JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY PREVIOUS DAY. ACCORDING TO KANDELL WILLOUGHBY WARNED THAT "POLICE ARE GOING TO PICK YOU UP OR STOP YOU AT AIRPORT." WHEN ASKED WHY, WILLOUGHBY REPORTEDLY SAID "BECAUSE SOMEONE IN POLICE DEPT SAID YOU LIED IN AN ARTICLE." PRESSED FURTHER BY KANDELL, WILLOUGHBY ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFICS AND THAT HE COULD NOT INTERVENE IN KANDELL'S BEHALF BECAUSE IT WAS A "POLICE MATTER."

2. WILLOUGHBY FURTHER QUOTED AS STATING THAT IF HE THOUGHT KANDELL WERE HERE TO GIVE NEGATIVE IMAGE OF JUNTA HE WOULD PERSONALLY HAVE KANDELL EXPELLED. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT HAVE THAT OPINION ALTHOUGH HE DISAGREED WITH CERTAIN THINGS KANDELL HAD WRITTEN.

3. CONSULAR OFFICER MET KANDELL AT AIRPORT IN ORDER PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE IF NEEDED. KANDELL DEPARTED EVENING JUNE 26

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FOR LIMA WITH NO PROBLEMS.

4. COMMENT. WILLOUGHBY GAVE PAO DIFFERENT VERSION, SAYING HE HAD SEPARATELY WARNED BOTH KANDELL AND WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH NOVITSKI THAT SOME OF THEIR RECENT CHILEAN CONTACTS WERE EXTREME LEFTISTS WHO MIGHT BE PICKED UP BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AT ANY MOMENT AND THAT IF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WERE WITH EXTREMISTS AT SUCH A TIME HE WILLOUGHBY WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME GETTING THEM RELEASED. WILLOUGHBY SAID KANDELL SEEMED TO GET POINT BUT NOVITSKI HAD NOT. WHETHER IT WAS GENUINE EFFORT KEEP CORRESPONDENTS OUT OF TROUBLE OR "HARRASSMENT", TECHNIQUE AROUSED KANDELL'S CONCERN. WE DOUBT KANDELL WILL USE INCIDENT IN STORIES IF HE WANTS TO RETURN TO CHILE, WHICH HE PROBABLY DOES.
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